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From the Personal Representative



Happy New Years to all and welcome to 2017!

As we complete another year in our Valley, I would like to say how proud I am of all that we have accomplished. A new corps of officers are soon to be installed (Tuesday Evening, January 31st), and it is time to look ahead to another exciting year in the Valley of San Jose. At the time of this writing, the incoming presiding officers still need to meet to complete our plans for the year, but I have full confidence in the team that will guide us.

One of the highlights this coming year (being an odd numbered year), is the recognition of some of our members for their outstanding support of our Valley by being coroneted a 33 Degree Mason and others being elevated to the rank of Knight Commander Court of Honor. More info to follow once we get word who Supreme Council has chosen to receive the honors.

As I stated earlier, our Installation is just around the corner (Tuesday, Jan. 31st) and I congratulate all the officers who will be installed. Please attend and help support those who have taken on a leadership role in the Valley. It is our annual celebration of the new corps of officers and the time to celebrate the New Year. I want to also thank our outgoing Masters who did a marvelous job in 2016. Many thanks go to Brothers Tom Bergevin, Brandon Duenas, Roger Bibb and JR McGovert as well as our Chief Knight, TJ Jackson. All of your efforts were greatly appreciated and our successes are your successes.

We, as a Valley have taken steps to grow in membership by holding events that are meaningful for the Valley and all its members. If you have not been to a Scottish Rite event for a while, I ask that you come see what is taking place. I think you will be pleased.

This past year we held our 6th Annual Grand Master recognition "Festive Board" where we honored our Grand Master, Most Worshipful David Perry, and his Lady Jeanette. We look forward this year to having Most Worshipful John Heisner and Lady Margo join us for this year's celebration.

Some of what that has already been scheduled for this year will follow, but I look forward to new suggestions from our leadership team. We will again hold two "Nights of Instruction" banquets chaired by Bro. Chuck Cowden. Bro. Chuck will also chair our Military Recognition Night, which has become an annual and very enjoyable event. Bro. Richard Fisher is again chairing our Scholarship Committee, as we will honor another graduating senior on their way to college. Later this month, we will again honor the Masters of our lodges as they complete their term sitting in the East of their particular lodge. We exist only because our Craft Lodges are strong and we wish to honor the men who have held our lodges together.

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OF THE VALLEY OF SAN JOSE

Two years ago a group of us went to New Orleans for a week and had a marvelous time. We had so much fun that we have scheduled another visit this year. Mark your calendars for Sept. 16th – 23rd. We will again enjoy the sites of New Orleans and will once again meet with our Brothers from the New Orleans Valley for dinner. They have also promised to exemplify the Scottish Rite version of the 3rd degree. It should be exciting. We will continue some traditional events like our Maundy Thursday Celebration, Sweethearts Night, as well as 25 year and 50 year membership celebrations. And although we only held one Reunion this past year, 2017 will see Reunions both in the Spring and Fall. Hopefully we can continue our growth with new candidates witnessing the beautiful work being performed by all our Degree teams.

This past year, we again attended the Highland Games in Pleasanton. What an exciting day! And a decision has been made, to make it an annual event, so look for more info later in the year. We held a Movie Night, went to Stanford University for a great football game, and had lunch at a Brazilian restaurant in San Jose. All seemed to have a good time, so we will continue to find exciting and new things to do as a group.

A special thank you goes to Gregg Hall who is Chairman of our Supreme Council program Called VMAP. It stands for Valley Membership Achievement Project, and exists to raise the level of the member experience and to promote Scottish Rite education. Gregg did an outstanding job getting this project off the ground in 2015, and as a Valley, we completed all necessary facets of the program to be awarded a completion plaque for our efforts in 2016. We will continue this great program in 2017 and plan to do even better.

Our Foundation is still very strong, but we can always use a new contribution here or there to continue our work. Our clinic continues to do amazing things with our kids and I am very proud of what is being accomplished by our Clinicians. We unfortunately lost one of our clinicians (Angela Stephan) who had been with us for nearly ten years. She and her husband decided to make a move to the East Coast, but we quickly found a replacement (Karen Wong) who has picked up the slack very nicely. For the past couple of years we have also made sizable contributions to the Grand Master's project, Raising a Reader, Masons 4 Mitts, recognition of our DeMolay leadership at their Annual Conclave, and we held our Scholarship program to which I have previously spoken. We were also pleased to be able to make a third installment contribution to the Supreme Council's House of the Temple, refurbishment project.

For those that have not heard, our Foundation Board has started on a path toward building a new state of the art building which will be our home for many decades to come. We have accepted an offer and have signed a sales agreement to sell 5 of our 6.69 acres of land which includes the current building. We anticipate closing in early 2018. If all goes well, and the developer gets the go ahead from the city to proceed, we will, about the late Fall timeframe, start working to temporarily find a home while a new building is being constructed on the remaining 1.69 acres that we will retain. Discussions are being held with the Hall Board of the Masonic Center across the parking lot to fill our needs. Anyone wishing to discuss the terms of the deal or has questions about why the move, please feel free to contact me any time. We want to be very open about our plans and want to ensure all our members are informed of our plans.

As in past years, I want to close this article with some thoughts on how we can best serve you. We only know we are doing ok, if we hear from you. Please give me your thoughts about where you see our Valley is heading, or what you would like to see done, regarding our Valley? What would excite you to return to an active role? Our Valley is here to support you, but I need to know your thoughts and desires. Please contact me when you think we are failing, but most importantly communicate. You are a valued member and we value your input. I want to thank our General Secretary, Bro. Hank and our Executive Assistant, Angela for all they do for our Valley. Please make sure you stop by the office and thank them for all their efforts. They are invaluable to me, and make my job very easy. I want to also thank Ill Dick Meyers for his many years in the role as Assistant to the PR. He decided earlier in the year to give up the position and I have appointed Bud Ramsey to replace him. Thanks for stepping up Bud.

I look forward to seeing each of you over this coming year. Come on out and help make a difference! Happy New Year to all!

Ken G. Nagel

Personal Representative

We, the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation(TIN 94-2541623), hereby certify that all funds received on the behalf of the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation, The Children's Language Disorders Clinic, and/or the San Jose Scottish Rite Scholarship funds are used for charitable purposes only and the donor receives no goods or services in return for their donation.*

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Captain of the Host	Bro. Wolfgang Lochner, 32° KCCH	408-505-1822

2016 - Chapter of Rose Croix

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Senior Warden	Bro. Ion Vasilescu, 32°	408-371-7172
Junior Warden	Bro. Charles Cowden, 32° KCCH	831-685-3416
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2016- Council of Kadosh

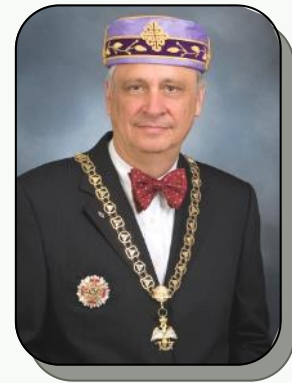
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Cole is a fun-loving 11 year old boy who has been attending the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic since the spring of 2016. Cole was admitted to our program due to concerns with his articulation. He was diagnosed with a mild articulation disorder primarily impacted by distortions of the /r/ phoneme. The /r/ phoneme is expected to be mastered in a child's sound system by the time they are seven years of age.

Cole's parents are very thankful for the services he has received through the San Jose Scottish Rite. His mother reported that Cole's school has not had a Speech and Language Pathologist on staff since last year. Thus, Cole was not receiving the services that he needed through the school district. Thankfully, Cole's parents knew about our clinic because his younger brother, Samuel, had attended our program and graduated this past fall. It is these situations that remind us how valuable our services are for the community. Without the continued support of the San Jose Scottish Rite and its members Cole and his family would be without help. Cole has made excellent progress in the past six months! He is a hard worker and it shows in how he far has come since he first started treatment! I am looking forward to continuing to help Cole in the New Year! Thank you San Jose Scottish Rite members for supporting the families and children in our community. We are grateful for your leadership, compassion, and stewardship!



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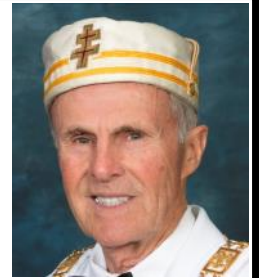
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You will be presented with one of the oldest symbols of the Scottish Rite Degrees, the Ladder of Kadosh, and given its meaning. Among other things, it illustrates the steps of attainment: Justice, Perfect Equity, Amiability, Good Faith, Great Labor, Endurance and Elaboration / Intelligence / Understanding.

Thanks to the Officers who served with me in the Council of Kadosh in 2016—and to all those Scottish Rite Members who served as Officers with me at the time I was Presiding Officer in the three other Scottish Rite Bodies.

**ROGER BIBB
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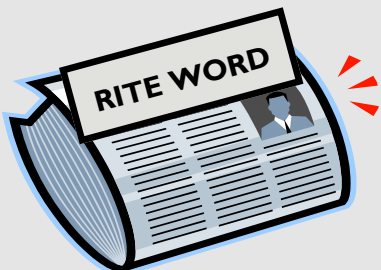
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Greetings Brethren,

From the Venerable Master



The Holiday season has come and gone. I hope that you were able spend time with many friends and family and you got all the gifts you deserved. The New Year is upon us and the winter season is just starting. In case you hadn't noticed, the days ARE starting to get longer. Stay warm, stay dry.

My term as Venerable Master ends this month. It has been a very rewarding year. We've shared many meetings, meals, and events with each other and I hope I did a creditable job representing the Valley of San Jose. Thank you for placing your trust in me.

Bro. Martin Maxey is next to be elected as the Venerable Master. I look forward to seeing him seated in the East along with all the other new incoming Masters. We have a strong line established for the Lodge of Perfection with Bro. Randy Downey, Bro. Gregg Hall, Bro. Wolfgang Lochner, and Bro. ??????? set to lead us into the future. I'm sure the other bodies are likewise ready with their leadership.

Installation of Officers will be on January 31, 2017. Please join us as we celebrate the transition of leadership for the new year.

Tom Bergevin

Venerable Master

From the Secretary's Table.....

My Brothers,

I hope you all had a very Blessed Christmas, and my Best Wishes to you and your families for a most Happy and Prosperous New Year!!

I want to thank all of you who have already paid your 2017 dues, not to mention the very generous donations you have made to our Clinic and Foundation. It is due in no small part to your gifts that our Clinic has been named one of the BEST Language Disorders Clinics in all of California, and in the US! For you who have not yet paid your dues, please remember our Clinic and its good work when you do.

I need some help. Earlier in 2016 we restarted our web page, which had lain dormant for quite a while. Unfortunately, I am NOT a Webmaster, nor do I have the time to try and keep our web site up, with all the other duties of this office. I would greatly appreciate it if one or more of you would be willing to donate a few hours of your time each month to help me. I would like to make it relevant, timely and use it to shine a favorable light on our beloved Scottish Rite and Freemasonry in general. Please call or email me and let's discuss. I promise not to put a great burden on you. I just need some help and advice. Thanks!

Lastly, I know that every month several of you move to new lodgings. When you do—PLEASE call this office and let me know! Every month I get 6-10 Rite Words or birthday cards returned with "Moved—Cannot Forward." Not only does it mess up our database and cost us return postage charges, but you don't get your mail. Please help me on this and let our office know when you move. I'd really appreciate it!

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Greetings Brethren,

From the Master of Kadosh

I hope you all had safe and happy holiday season. For this last article, I would like to sign-off by thanking our Personal Representative, Secretary, Foundation members, and outgoing Masters for all their leadership and service to our Valley this past year. Your efforts are appreciated.

Regarding the articles in this column, I hope everyone enjoyed reading them as much as I enjoyed writing them. If you were able to garner something from them that helps you along your Path, then my job here is done. For this last entry, I think it would be a good idea to show more than tell. Therefore, I have enclosed some links I highly encourage you all to spend some time checking-out. Don't worry about context, just watch and listen a few times (preferably in order). You'll be glad you did.

When You Gonna Learn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eo7iwIMFPrM>

Ezekiel 25:17

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See you in the East,

Adolfo McGovern III





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6:30pm - Social Hour ~ 7:00pm - Dinner ~ Program - Honor 2016 Masters

Thursday, Jan 19th ~ Monthly OAM Meeting hosted by Liberty Lodge #299

6:30pm - Dinner ~ 7:30pm - School of Instruction -

Sunday, Jan 22nd ~ Monthly Masonic Get Together at 1:00—6:00pm

Host—Bro Will Montoya — 2999 Bradbury Drive, SJ, 95122 - Bring a dish to share. Open to ALL Brothers

Tuesday, Jan 24th ~ Monthly All Officer Council Meeting & Installation Practice @ 7:00pm

Tuesday, Jan 31st ~ Installation of 2017 Scottish Rite Officers @ 7:00pm

Pictures ~ 6:00pm Installation ~ 7:00pm Refreshments afterwards

Tuesday, Feb 14th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm

6:30pm - Social Hour ~ 7:00pm - Dinner ~ Program - Sweethearts Night

Tuesday, Feb 28th ~ Quarterly SJSR Board of Directors Meeting @ 5:30pm

Tuesday, Feb 28th ~ Monthly All Officer Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

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